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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Edward Tang K. Ma

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Art Unit: 2154

For: FACILITATING AUTOMATIC  
INCREMENTING AND/OR DECREMENTING  
OF DATA POINTERS IN A

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2005 (Paper No. 1), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.